the Central Govt. employees) shall be entitled to the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus/ex-gratia as long as their emoluments do not exceed Rs. 3500 per month, as against the existing eligibility ceiling of Rs. 2500/- per month. A Special Leave Petition has been filed in the Supreme Court of India against the order of the Tribunal. The judgement of the Supreme Court on the petition is awaited.

Jammu and Kashmir State Finance Corporation Request for Waiving Off Interest

3696. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu & Kashmir State Finance Corporation (J&KSFC) has asked the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) for a moratorium upto two years in respect of repayment of the principal and waiving off the penal interest;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the amount of principal and penal interest involved;

(d) what are the reasons for which such a huge accumulated amount could not be recovered from the parties concerned; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of dues of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from Jammu & Kashmir State Financial Corporation as on 31st July, 1993 are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	IDBI	SIDBI
Principal dues	199.12	4793.00
Interest dues		342.00
Penal Interest		8.63
Additional Interest		8.73
TOTAL	199.12	5152.36

(d) and (e) Due to the prevailing disturbed conditions in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, many industrial units have closed down their operations rendering the investment made in these units unuseful and the loans taken unserviceable. JKSFC has cleared all its interest dues to IDBI upto July 31, 1993 and is in default in repayment of the principal dues. J&KSFC has also made request for deferment of payment of principal dues, interest, penal interest and additional interest on refinance. The same will be decided by IDBI/SIDBI on merits.

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@3697. SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a group of NRI experts to study India's economic reforms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the public distribution system would be scrapped and replaced by food stamps; and

@Previously unstarred quetion 3243 transferred from 19-8-93.